(1)	(2)	(1)	14)	(5)
Tripura	5977	2333	1148	49.2
Uttar Pradesh	221499	171575	69199	40.3
Uttaranchal	11959	8962	644	7.2
West Bengal	121667	69226	34696	50.1
Group of UT's	2325	732	372	50.8
All India	1478988	893504	434242	48.6

Source: NSS Report No. 498

Deep sea fishing

3257. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been seized of the hindrances being faced by Indian fishing entrepreneurs in deep sea fishing activities;

(b) if so, the details of the hindrances confronting the deep sea fishing enterprises;

(c) the steps being contemplated, if any, for mitigating the same;

(d) whether it is a fact that an Empowered Committee was constituted to examine the problems;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the recommendations of the said Committee indicating status of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) There are no hindrances as such being faced by the Indian entrepreneurs in deep-sea fishing. However, representations have been received from the Indian entrepreneurs on some issues related to operation of deep-sea fishing vessels, such as Coast Guards inspection, short voyage period prescribed, short validity of provisional registration of vessels and shortage of trained Indian crew.

(c) Steps have already been taken to remove the operational difficulties faced by the entrepreneurs like extension of voyage period from 45 days to 60 days (for vessels below 40 meters), and 75 days (for vessels above 40 meters), and validity of No Objection Certificate/provisional registry of deep-sea fishing vessels from six months to one year. A check-list of the requisite documents onboard fishing vessels has also been finalized to avoid undue hardship during the Coast Guard inspections of deep-sea fishing vessels.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. With the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), an Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries (EC) has been constituted on 17th November, 2004 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry,

Dairying & Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture for making recommendation on various issues relating to the development of marine fisheries in India. The EC has representatives from the Ministry of Defence, Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, Ministry of Home Affairs, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Shipping, Fishery Survey of India, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Coast Guards and the Reserve Bank of India.

(f) Some of the main recommendations of the EC pertain to percentage of Indian crew onboard deep-sea fishing vessels, voyage period, submission of voyage reports, stipulation on payments towards the cost of vessels, requirement on registration, mid-sea transshipment of catch, mandatory Coast Guard inspections etc. All the recommendations of the EC have been implemented.

RKVY in Orissa

3258. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to Orissa;

(b) the amount spent by the State;

(c) whether funds were spent to achieve the objectives under RKVY;

(d) the output and achievements under RKVY in Orissa; and

(e) whether implementation of RKVY resulted in increased productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) An amount of Rs. 230.67 crore has been released under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to Orissa during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 (up to 15.12.2009).

(b) State has spent Rs. 139.00 crore from 2007-08 to 15th December, 2009.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State have undertaken several projects in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Agriculture Marketing, Irrigation and Agriculture Research sectors. Production of foodgrains has increased, more crops have been taken up under organic cultivation in horticulture sector, milk production has increased in Puri, Nayagarh and Khurda districts, two cotton mandis have been established and water use efficiency has improved in Orissa as a result of RKVY projects.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Impact of drought on Rabi crop

3259. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: